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ACT TO PROTECT CHARITABLE DONATIONS IN EFFECT

VICTORIA – The Charitable Purposes Preservation Act, which came into effect March 8, protects charitable donations to organizations by ensuring they are used for their intended purpose.

The act will clarify the circumstances under which donors may be assured their expectations for their gifts are preserved.

By clarifying the law, the act ensures that donations will not be used to satisfy debts or liabilities incurred by a charity that are not related to the original purpose of the donation.

In the event the charity is no longer able or willing to use the property for the intended purpose, a court may order that the property be transferred to another charity for the same or a consistent purpose.

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